

**UNITED STATES
COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION
CHARTER OF THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION
GLOBAL MARKETS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

PREAMBLE

1. In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, §1, et seq., as amended, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission has determined to establish an advisory committee designated as the "Commodity Futures Trading Commission Global Markets Advisory Committee" created to report and make recommendations to the Commission. The reports and recommendations of the Global Markets Advisory Committee will be utilized by the Commission to obtain input on international market issues that affect the integrity and competitiveness of U.S. markets and U.S. firms engaged in global business. The Committee will serve as a channel for communication between the Commission and U. S. markets, firms and end-users most directly involved in and affected by market globalization.
2. Pursuant to Section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, §9(a)(2), the Commission's determination to establish the Global Markets Advisory Committee was made after consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat of the General Services Administration, with timely notice published in the Federal Register.
3. The Commission has determined that the Global Markets Advisory Committee will be in the public interest in connection with duties imposed on the Commission by the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended.
4. The Global Markets Advisory Committee will have no operational responsibilities.
5. The meetings and operations of the Global Markets Advisory Committee shall be conducted in conformance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.
6. Commissioner Barbara P. Holum will serve as Chairman and Designated Federal Official of the Global Markets Advisory Committee.

The following charter provisions set forth the objectives and scope of the activities of the Global Markets Advisory Committee, as well as other information required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

Charter

Pursuant to Section 9(c) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, §9(c), the Commodity Futures Trading Commission has approved the following charter provisions for the Global Markets Advisory Committee:

(A) The official designation of the Advisory Committee shall be the "Commodity Futures Trading Commission Global Markets Advisory Committee."

(B) The objectives and scope of activities of the Global Markets Advisory Committee shall be to conduct public meetings and to submit reports and recommendations on matters of concern to the exchanges, firms, market users and the Commission regarding the regulatory challenges of a global marketplace which reflect the increasing interconnectedness of markets and the multinational nature of business, including the following:

1) Avoiding unnecessary regulatory or operational impediments faced by those doing global business, such as:

(a) differing and/or duplicative regulatory frameworks,

(b) lack of transparency of rules and regulations, and

(c) barriers to market access,

while preserving core protections for markets and customers;

2) Setting appropriate international standards for regulation of futures and derivatives markets and intermediaries;

3) Assessing the impact on U.S. markets and firms of the Commission's international efforts and the initiatives of foreign regulators and market authorities;

4) Achieving continued global competitiveness of U.S. markets and firms; and

5) Identifying methods to improve domestic and international regulatory structures.

(C) The period of time necessary to carry out the purposes of the Global Markets Advisory Committee will be no less than two years from the date of its establishment.

(D) The Global Markets Advisory Committee shall submit its reports and recommendations to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

(E) The Commodity Futures Trading Commission shall provide any necessary support services for the Global Markets Advisory Committee.

(F) In accordance with the provisions of Section 9(b) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, §9(b), the duties of the Global Markets Advisory Committee shall be solely advisory and shall extend only to submitting reports and recommendations to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Determinations of action to be taken and policy to be expressed with respect to the reports or recommendations of the Advisory Committee shall be made solely by the Commission.

(G) The estimated annual operating costs in dollars and person-years for the Global Markets Advisory committee shall be as follows:

Dollar costs -- not to exceed \$15,000 for miscellaneous expenses for salary, travel costs and benefits for commission personnel and other required expenses including court reporter fees, transcript costs and telephone calls. Committee members will not be provided allowances or reimbursement for travel expenses or per diem in connection with attending committee meetings.

Person-years -- .3 for Commission personnel.

(H) The Global Markets Advisory Committee shall meet at such intervals as are necessary to carry out its functions. It is estimated at present that this shall not require meetings more frequently than at intervals of every three months.

(I) The members of the Global Markets Advisory Committee shall be composed of, but not limited to, representatives of U.S. exchanges, regulators and self-regulators, financial intermediaries, market-users, traders and academics. The committee's membership will be balanced in terms of points of view.

(J) The Chairman of the Global Markets Advisory Committee may, if circumstances warrant, appoint and dissolve subcommittees composed of Committee members.

(K) If circumstances warrant, the Chairman may elect to hold Global Markets Advisory Committee or subcommittee meetings in financial centers outside Washington, D.C.

(L) In accordance with Section 14(c) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, §14(c), the Global Markets Advisory Committee shall terminate two years from the date of its

renewal unless, prior to such date, the charter of the Advisory Committee is renewed in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, or at such earlier date the Commodity Futures Trading Commission determines that continuance of the Advisory Committee is no longer in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Commission by law. In such a case, the Commission shall direct, by amendment to this charter, that the Global Markets Advisory Committee terminate at an earlier date.

(M) Copies of this charter have been filed on this date with the Chairperson of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and with the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, the House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture, and the Library of Congress.

Jean A. Webb
Secretary of the Commission
Commodity Futures Trading Commission

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Washington, D.C.